

In the Specification:

On page 10, in the paragraph beginning on line 7,  
please amend the specification as follows:

- In one embodiment, request receiver **212**,
5. increaser/storer **214** and provider **216** are a part of  
operating system **210**. The request received by request  
receiver **212** corresponds to ~~and~~ an application programming  
interface call that is received by operating system **210** and  
provided to request receiver **212**.